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DPW Makes Way for May

Busy Month in Circle City Means Changes in Construction Plans

Indianapolis: During the month of May, the Circle City will host thousands of visitors. While engineers at the Department of Public Works (DPW) are excited about the city's ongoing transformation through RebuildIndy, they are also aware of the inconvenience construction projects can impose on motorists.

"Through Mayor Greg Ballard's RebuildIndy initiative, DPW is doing more infrastructure improvements in the city than ever before," said DPW Director David Sherman. "In order to be mindful of the increased traffic in our city during the month of May, engineers are making plans to either delay or halt construction, while still keeping projects on schedule."

Among the events in May, the OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon, the IPL 500 Festival Parade and the Indianapolis 500 attract the largest crowds. Therefore, DPW will implement the following plans to make sure spectators spend more time at their preferred event than in traffic.

- **OneAmerica 500 Festival Mini-Marathon:** The resurfacing project on West 10th Street from Holt Road to Little Eagle Creek will start after the Mini-Marathon. While there are a few neighborhood streets associated with this project, they will not impact the route. The remainder of the Mini-Marathon route will be clear of construction.
- **IPL 500 Festival Parade:** Currently, construction is ongoing on several parade route streets including Meridian Street, Pennsylvania Street, Michigan Street, Ohio Street, New York Street, Washington Street and Vermont Street. However, all of these streets will be clear of construction prior to the parade. The streets will also have a few inches of new pavement to ensure the route is smooth.
- **Indianapolis 500:** Currently, West 38th Street from I-465 to I-65 is under construction and lane restrictions are in place. During the week of the race, lane restrictions will be lifted, allowing for traffic to flow in all six lanes. Additionally, construction on Georgetown Road from 30th Street to 38th Street will not start until after the race and the work on 10th Street from I-465 to Allison Avenue will be cleared prior to race weekend.

DPW's accommodations in May will not delay construction completion dates as contractors accounted for these delays when preparing construction schedules.

RebuildIndy is Mayor Ballard's initiative to restore deteriorating thoroughfares, residential streets, sidewalks and bridges, as well as address neighborhood drainage and flooding issues and demolish unsalvageable abandoned homes that pose a public safety threat to neighborhoods.

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